

The NAACP today congratulated Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. for being in the top 7% of the U.S. House of Representatives by receiving a 100% rating on 30 votes that were scored in the NAACP Legislative Report Card for the 108th Congress.

Congressman Jackson said, "I am proud to receive a 100% rating from the oldest, largest and most recognized grassroots civil rights organization in America. As we fight to spread freedom and democracy throughout the world, it is important that we continue to battle for justice and civil rights at home.

"I am delighted to see that two other members of the Illinois delegation also scored 100% on the NAACP Score Card, Bobby Rush and Jan Schakowsky; and that Luis Gutierrez (90%), Rahm Emanuel (90%), Danny Davis (93%) and Lane Evans (93%) all received 'As.'

The Speaker of the House, Denny Hastert, usually doesn't vote on legislation, except to break a tie or on matters that he or she considers extremely important. Mr. Hastert didn't cast any votes on the 30 issues important to the NAACP. All nine of the other Illinois Republicans received an "F" - Henry Hyde (27%), Phil Crane (27%, who is no longer in Congress), Mark Kirk (30%), Jerry Weller (37%), Judy Biggert (47%), Timothy Johnson (50%), Ray LaHood (37%) and John Shimkus (30%).

Since 1914, the NAACP Legislative Report Card has served as a non-partisan presentation of key civil rights votes taken in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. Votes selected for inclusion in the Report Card are those that have been considered by the full U.S. House and Senate. Legislation that did not progress beyond the committee level was not included. To see how your member or other members of Congress scored you can go to [www.naACP.org](http://www.naACP.org), put the cursor over Departments, click on Washington, DC Bureau, click on 108th Congress, and then click on Report Card.